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SUBJECT: JUNE 18 QUADRIpartite DINNER

1. SUMMARY. MINISTERS APPROVED BONN GROUP WORK ON BERLIN CONSULTATION. AGREED WESTERN SIDE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE INITIATIVE IN RAISING SUBJECT WITH SOVIETS, INSTEAD WAIT AND APPRAISE SOVIET REACTION AS FEA PROCEEDS. ON CSCE, LONG DISCUSSION OF PEACEFUL CHANGE AND QUADRIpartite RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROBLEMS RESULTED IN NO SPECIFIC DECISION BY MINISTERS, BUT CONSENSUS THAT WORK SHOULD CONTINUE ON THESE PROBLEMS BOTH IN GENEVA AND BONN. END SUMMARY.

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2. FRENCH HOSTED JUNE 18 QUADRIpartite DINNER.

FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES BEGAN BUSINESS SESSION BY BRIEFLY RECAPITULATING BONN GROUP ACTION ON FEA AND CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS RE FUTURE FRG INITIATIVES IN BERLIN, SAID HE SAW NO REASON DISCUSS IN DETAIL AND ASSUMED CONSULTATIONS DOCUMENTS AGREEABLE TO HIS COLLEAGUES THERE WAS NO DISSENT. HE THEN TURNED TO QUESTION OF NEXT STEPS WITH SOVIETS AND ASKED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE REGISTER NOW WITH THEM FACT THAT ALLIES STANDING FIRMLY ON POSITION PUT TO GROMYKO BY SECRETARY IN MARCH. SECRETARY, BACKED BY CALLAGHAN, SAID SOVIETS ALREADY FULLY

AWARE ALLIED POSITION AND THAT FOR US NOW TO RAISE SUBJECT RUNS RISK APPEARING NERVOUS, OR PROVOCATIVE, OR AT LEAST UNNECESSARILY DEFENSIVE. HE SUGGESTED WE WAIT AND SEE HOW SOVIETS REACT AS FEA INSTALLATION PLANS MOVE AHEAD. IF GROMYKO RAISES SUBJECT DURING MOSCOW VISIT, SECRETARY COULD ORALLY REITERATE AGREED POSITION, AND OFFER PUT THIS IN FORM OF ALLIED NOTE IF SOVIETS WISH. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS, AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMED UP BY SAYING WE WILL WAIT AND SEE. GENSCHER POINTED OUT THAT BUNDESTAG ACTION ON FEA WOULD BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK, BUT SAID THERE NOW EXISTS POSSIBILITY SOME DELAY IN BUNDESRAT.

3. REST OF DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON CSCE PROBLEMS. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER LED OFF BY SAYING HE HAD READ BONN GROUP PAPERS WITH GREAT INTEREST AND SYMPATHY FOR FRG POSITION, BUT SAW NO WAY GET WHAT FRG WANTS, GIVEN SOVIET ATTITUDE. GENSCHER AND VAN WELL GAVE RATHER UNCLEAR EXPOSITION OF JUST WHAT IT IS FRG HOPES ACHIEVE IN WAY OF PEACEFUL CHANGE LANGUAGE AND PLACEMENT. SECRETARY SAID IT CLEAR WE HAVE THREE PROBLEMS: PEACEFUL CHANGE LANGUAGE, PLACEMENT OF THAT LANGUAGE, AND PROTECTION OF QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS WE ALREADY HAVE. IT IS IMPORTANT NOT GET THESE CONFUSED. ON FIRST TWO, WE WILLING ACCEPT AND TRY FOR ANYTHING AGREEABLE TO FRG AND OUR ALLIES, BUT SECRETARY POINTED OUT IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO GET SOVIETS ACCEPT CHANGE IN LANGUAGE ALREADY AGREED. AS TO PLACEMENT, WOULD APPEAR THAT INVIOABILITY PRINCIPLE BEST PLACE, AS SUGGESTED BY GENSCHER AND CALLAGHAN.

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4. ON DISCLAIMER PROBLEM, SECRETARY SAID HE WAS ATTRACTED TO FRENCH IDEA OF WORKING DISCLAIMER INTO TENTH PRINCIPLE. FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMED UP BY SAYING THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TRYING FOR BEST POSSIBLE FORMULA ON PEACEFUL CHANGE, WHICH WOULD MAKE NO REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND THAT BONN GROUP SHOULD CONTINUE WORK ON QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES PROBLEM. CONSENSUS WAS THAT WHAT IS NOW NEEDED ARE PRECISE FORMULATIONS ON

WHICH DECISIONS CAN BE MADE, AND THAT BOTH BONN GROUP
AND GENEVA DELEGATIONS HAVE IMPORTANT ROLES TO PLAY IN
THIS EFFORT.

5. COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE WAS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY. MINISTERS
AGREED TO REWORD LAST SENTENCE BONN GROUP DRAFT TO READ
AS FOLLOWS: "THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION
THAT PROGRESS TOWARDS DETENTE IN EUROPE IS LINKED
INSEPARABLY TO THE STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL APPLICA-
TION OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT." KISSINGER

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